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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, HU
SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN SIGNER OF SUPPORT LETTER FOR CHARTER 77 GIVES
CONCERT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

REF: BUDAPEST 0262

1. JANUARY 28 EDITION OF HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG AS
WELL AS OTHER BUDAPEST DAILIES CARRIED REMARKABLE ITEM
ENTITLED "SUCCESSFUL CONCERT BY ZOLTAN KOCSIS." TEXT
REPORTS THAT KOCSIS SUBSTITUTED ON SHORT NOTICE FOR
SOVIET PIANIST SVJATOSLAV RICHTER WHO HAD BECOME ILL,
AND SCORED BIG SUCCESS WITH GUEST APPEARANCE IN BRATISLAVA
AS SOLOIST WITH BRATISLAVA PHILHARMONIC CONDUCTED BY
ZDENEK KOSLER. EXACT DATE OF CONCERT NOT GIVEN.

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2. AS REPORTED IN BUDAPEST 0262, KOCSIS WAS ONE OF
TWENTY PERSONS WHO HAD SIGNED HUNGARIAN LETTER OF
SUPPORT FOR CHARTER 77. AFTER APPEARANCE OF NEWS
ITEMS EMBASSY DOUBLE-CHECKED TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
THAT KOCSIS INDEED HAD BEEN ONE OF THE SIGNERS, AND IT
WAS ESTABLISHED WITH CERTAINTY THAT ITS ORIGINAL

INFORMATION WAS CORRECT.

3. THE FACT THAT KOCSIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GIVE A CONCERT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AT THIS POINT IS REMARKABLE, TO SAY THE LEAST. EVEN MORE REMARKABLE IS THAT NEPSZABADSAG SHOULD HAVE PRINTED A NEWS ITEM ON THE EVENT ONE WEEK AFTER THE NEWS OF THE HUNGARIAN LETTER CAME TO LIGHT IN WESTERN MEDIA. AT THIS POINT, SUCH ACTION BY THE PARTY PAPER CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO HUNGARIAN PUBLIC OPINION THAT NOTHING UNTOWARD IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN TO THE SIGNERS.

4. LAST MONDAY EVENING, RECORDINGSNXXF KOCSIS WERE ON THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF HUNGARIAN RADIO. MANY HUNGARIANS TUNED IN ESPECIALLY TO FIND OUT WHETHER AFTER THE PREVIOUS WEEKEND'S EVENTS, THE PROGRAM WOULD STILL BE HEARD. WHEN THE PROGRAM WAS INDEED BROADCAST, EVERYONE WAS GREATLY RELIEVED, BUT NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE GUESSED THAT KOCSIS WOULD BE GOING TO BRATISLAVA TO GIVE A CONCERT. THE EXACT DATE OF THE CONCERT IS NOT KNOWN, BUT WHENEVER IT MAY HAVE BEEN, THE TIMING OF THE NEPSZABADSAG ITEM CLEARLY CANNOT BE AN ACCIDENT.

5. EVENTS OF THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS WILL NO DOUBT SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON WHAT OFFICIAL POSITION WILL BE ON HUNGARIAN SIGNERS OF LETTER TO KOHOUT. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, THE ITEM ON KOCSIS IS EXTREMELY INTRIGUING.

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